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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory by sampling for Enterococci Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 21-25, 2019. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix

Shoy's

New Fort (Ft. Louise

Augusta)

Dorsch Beach

Chenay Bay

Stony Ground

Pelican Cove (Cormorant)

Buccaneer

Rainbow

Halfpenny

Protestant Cay

Cramer's Park

Frederiksted Public Beach

Cane Bay

Princess (Condo Row)

Gentle Winds

St. Thomas

Bolongo Bay

Brewer's Bay

Bluebeard's

Vessup Bay

Coki Point

Hull Bay

Water Bay

Lindquist

Lindbergh Bay

Sapphire

Magen's Bay

Secret Harbor

St. John

Cruz Bay
Frank Bay

The following beaches **do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. John

Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay

Please Note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches:

- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix;*
- *Limetree, Frenchman's Bay, and Morningstar on St. Thomas;*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John;*

Therefore, the water quality of these beaches is unknown.

All persons should also be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or if any area appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.